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Applicant JAPAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY		

- This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
- This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.
- This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:
 - ☒ (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of 2 sheets, as follows:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II | Priority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI | Certain documents cited |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VII | Certain defects in the international application |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII | Certain observations on the international application |

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is language of a translation furnished for the purpose of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

- ☐ The international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages _____ 1-20 _____, as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- pages _____, as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages* _____ 1-7 received by this Authority on 01 November 2004 (01.11.2004)
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- pages _____ 1-4 _____, as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☒ the claims, Nos. _____ 8
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (specify): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (specify): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)

Claims

1-7

YES

Claims

NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims

1-7

YES

Claims

NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims

1-7

YES

Claims

NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: JP, 59-102832, A (K.K. Suwa Seikosha), 14 June, 1984 (14.06.84)

Document 2: JP, 57-188432, A (Hoya Glass Works, Ltd.), 19 November, 1982 (19.11.82)

Document 3: JP, 57-205337, A (Hoya Glass Works, Ltd.), 16 December, 1982 (16.12.82)

Document 4: JP, 6-199538, A (Patent Treuhand Gesellschaft für elektrische GmbH), 19 July, 1994 (19.07.94)

Claims 1-7

The subject matters of claims 1-7 appear to be novel and to involve an inventive step.

The subject matters of claims 1-7 are not disclosed in any of documents 1-4 cited in the ISR, and so appear to be novel. Particularly, the feature of a method for manufacturing high-silicate glass including a phase-separation process of separating phases in borosilicate glass by means of thermal treatment of such glass, an acid-treatment process, and a sintering process, wherein borosilicate glass comprising an element among manganese, cerium, chromium, cobalt and copper is used for a borosilicate glass material, is not disclosed.

Incidentally, JP, 2003-313050, A, ([0062]-[0066] in particular), described in VI., describes (1) a method for manufacturing high-silicate glass including a process of separating phases in borosilicate glass comprising 0.5 wt% Cu₂O by means of thermal treatment of such glass, an acid-treatment process, and a sintering process, and (2) glass having a high-silicate layer formed on the surface by the said method.

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Box No. VI Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

Application No. Patent No.	Publication date (day/month/year)	Filing date (day/month/year)	Priority date (valid claim) (day/month/year)
JP2003-313050 A [E, X]	2003.11.06	2002.04.17	

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

Kind of non-written disclosure	Date of non-written disclosure (day/month/year)	Date of written disclosure referring to non-written disclosure (day/month/year)